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**Subject:** Microsoft Settlement

I find it annoying that that a few Microsoft competitors are trying to hold up the settlement. These companies such as Sun are thinking about nothing other than themselves. Microsoft and Dell are two of the only companies that want to commoditize the market segments that they serve. They are willing to operate off small margins and make the software or hardware widely available. Most of their competitors talk the standards game but implement nothing but proprietary software and hardware.

The current settlement is more than fair for the competitors. Don't further disrupt the market by considering additional measures driven by Microsoft competitors.

Regards,

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